



STATE OF MARYLAND

DHMH

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

*Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners*

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2009

The February 17, 2009 meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m.  
by the Chairperson, Margery Rodgers, PT.

### Board members present:

John Baker, PT  
Ved K. Gupta, Consumer Member  
Shirley Leeper, PTA, Vice Chairperson  
Lori Mizell, PT  
Donald Novak, PT  
Lois Rosedom-Boyd, Consumer Member  
Stephen Ryan, PT

### Also present:

Ann E. Tyminski, Executive Director  
Joy E. Aaron, Deputy Director  
Patricia Miller, Licensing Coordinator  
Sandra Kurland, Board Secretary  
Ernest Bures, Investigator/Compliance Officer  
Teresa Thornton, Investigator  
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel  
Francesca Gibbs, Staff Attorney  
Paula Hollinger

Expense sheets were handed out and collected.

Expense Sheets

The Minutes of the Open Session for the January 20, 2009 Board meeting were approved as written.

Minutes

The agenda was accepted as amended.

Agenda

Mrs. Tyminski received an inquiry from Jan Dommerholt, PT who asked whether a physical therapist from the Netherlands could interact with patients while visiting Mr. Dommerholt's practice. The Board's response is that the visiting PT may observe only.

Visiting PT

Ann Tyminski received an inquiry from Kellie Curry asking if PTs and PTAs can write orders. The Board responded that it considers physical therapy orders in a home health setting tantamount to physical therapy plans of care. Therefore, physical therapists may certainly write orders for physical therapy. With respect to the provision of other healthcare services such as nursing, a physical therapist may facilitate referrals for orders of such services by communicating with the patient's physician. Physical therapist assistants may not write physical therapy orders, or plans of care but rather must implement the physical therapy treatment outlined in the order by the physical therapist.

PT/PTA Orders

The Board reviewed an inquiry from Brad Segree, PT asking if a PTA may perform a home evaluation/assessment. The Board stated that PTAs may not perform home evaluations or assessments.

PTAs and Home Evaluations

Mrs. Tyminski reviewed the amendments to the Athletic Trainers Bill. Ms. Tyminski stated that the Bill would be heard on Wednesday, February 18, 2009. The Board's position statement was distributed for review.

Athletic Trainers Bill

The draft Cultural Competency Program Bill was distributed to Board members. Mrs. Tyminski reported the Bill for the revision of the health occupational Boards was not on the hearing schedule as yet.

Legislation

The law examinations will be reviewed and revised by Board members. Revisions are to include straight forward questions, making sure that the answers are in the Laws and Regulations. Ms. Rodgers has counseled several applicants who have failed two versions of the examination and noted a need for clarity in the exam.

Law Examinations

Mrs. Tyminski reminded Board members of their responsibilities to the Board. Legislative Committee members need to be available to attend sessions in Annapolis. At the end of May, committees will be reassigned.

Board Members Responsibilities

### **Continuing Education**

The Spanish 101 course submitted by William Hamilton, Jr., PT was denied as it does not meet the Board's criteria.

Robin Tacchetti co-authored the article "Catastrophic Head Injuries in High School and College Football Players", and submitted it for CEU approval. The article was denied for CEUs as the Board felt that it did not meet the required criteria.

Amy Jo Foreman has been attending Massage Therapy School and asks if this will qualify for CEUs. The Board denied this request as it does not meet the required criteria.

Sazia Moriom submitted an article she read for CEU approval. The Board stated that this is an editorial that can be read in any magazine, and denied CEUs.

**Reports**

Income summaries were distributed.

Income Summaries

The state of Indiana will now send out digital certifications to verify licensure for Indiana practitioners.

Indiana Verifications

The winter physical therapy newsletter has been mailed.

Newsletter

Mrs. Tyminski reported that the Ethics Course to be sponsored by the Board on April 3, 2009 has been finalized, with contracts for the instructor and food vendor completed. Registration forms appear in the newsletter.

Ethics Course

The month to date income report for January, 2009 was distributed to the Board.

Income Report

**Information**

Mrs. Tyminski described "The Scram Program" to the Board. A salesman misrepresented himself as a complainant and insisted on speaking to someone instead of filling out a complaint form. After speaking with Mrs. Tyminski for several minutes, the gentleman proceeded to try to sell a Scram modem to the Board. The Scram modem is a device attached to the ankle of the licensee, and offers a complete profile of their activities. The salesman described its usefulness in cases involving alcohol abuse.

Scram Program

The Consumer Advisory Group Liaison has distributed a brochure for the public, "How Maryland Protects Your Health Care". The brochure was designed to advise the public of the functions of the Boards and Commissions and includes phone numbers to reach each of the Boards directly. The Consumer Advisory Group has been disbanded and Board members were urged to place some of these brochures in their practice where they can be viewed by the public.

Brochure

The Audit Report for DHMH, Board of Physicians and Board of Nursing was distributed to the Board.

Audit Report

Mrs. Tyminski reviewed the new FSBPT "aPTitude" continuing competence program. The program will include features for licensees, jurisdictions, and vendors.


FSBPT Program

The Open Session of the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m., and the Board immediately entered closed session for the purpose of medical review deliberations of applications, according to Section 10-508 (a)(13).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Ann Tyminski, Executive Director

March 17, 2009  
Date approved

  
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Margery F. Rodgers, Chairperson